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Unwise Charter Revision.

is announced that the New York Mry Charter Revision Commission pros to simplify the existing Greater w York Charter by reducing the numer of sections, now about 1,000, to 150 thereabout. The surerfluous matwe are told, is to be transferred to ther general statutes where it more roperly belongs; to the Code of Civil rocedure, the Code of Criminal Produre, the Penal Code and other great divisions of the statutory law. Order, simplicity and logical arrange-

nt are very important elements in making, and we have no objection any amendments of the Charter hich will improve it in form, provided are not productive of greater ris than those which the changes are esigned to remedy. If must not be forgotten that all law,

an statutory law, is a matter of growth development. There is no prom in the existing Charter which did t have its origin in some real or fand need of the municipality. Nothshould be stricken out of it without good reason for striking it out-and this we mean a reason which can be ven by the revisers and which will mand the assent of the Legislature d the public. No change of form uld be made in the provisions which allowed to remain unless the inge is shown to be essential to the the Charter have been construed by courts during the ten years which elapsed since consolidation, and meaning, where it was doubtful, cen judicially ascertained and de-ined. It is running a needless risk er the phraseology of such proto improve the style or make

other bodies of the law to which they re naturally belong, that process can be carried too far. Convenience accessibility are quite as important logical classification. People have e accustomed to look into the arter to find out what the law is in to the multitude of matters are dealt with therein; and it hardly worth while to put these rs into some other law or laws, ving the examination of one or re other law books, just for the sake ing more systematic and scien-

The Revised Statutes of the United which were prepared chiefly by late BENJAMIN VAUGHAN ABBOTT, eral body of law ever made in modern Obsolete enactments and those of a temporary character were omitted, but in the permanent matter which was tained there was no change of phrase-pay that could possibly be avoided, naving regard to the general object in w. It is a model which the members of the Charter Revision Commission would do well to follow, except of course in regard to those subjects where they intend to recommend positive changes in the existing law.

The Winning of the South.

One hears a vast deal these days about the great things Mr. TAFT is going to do for the South when he becomes President and how the South is likely rise and beneficent rule. We wonder, however, whether any considerable number of people who indulge these roseste speculations have any definite nd clear idea of the methods by which

very attractive plan. It will save and the Church of England.

and thought, and it possesses the Evidently, then, if the Liberal Govwous virtue of simplicity.

gations to national conventions, saw that they delivered their votes according to the agreement with headquarters and subsequently partitioned the Federal patronage with reasonable fairness. To substitute a new clique for the old would answer no important end. Certainly it would not promote the conversion or engage the sympathies of honest and intelligent Southern Democrats. The fact that the Hon. LUKE E. WRIGHT of Tennessee has held high office in the Far East and is now Secretary of War in the Roosevelt Cabinet has not changed a vote in his or any other State.

FOUR and Lord LANSDOWNE it looks as There are all sorts of Republicans in the South-Republicans by conviction, by inheritance and by faith.

and Republicans by occupation and employment. In many cases the former are of native birth and breeding, of high social standing, enjoying the respect and the intimacy of their neighbors of all political beliefs. Unfortunately, however, they do not always find favor with the machine or with the sources from which the machine derives its opulence and power. Frequently they do not declare themselves. They know their own creeds. but make no parade of them. In great numbers of cases they are beyond the need of office, while the exertion of an influence in the party councils is atended by difficulties at once formidable and nauscating. Nobody knows how many of these there are. The horrors of reconstruction drove countless thousands of them into the Democratic party, and purely domestic issues have kept them there ever since.

But they constitute the nucleus of he only Republican party that can ever be built up at the South, and the man who discovers and enlists them is the man who will begin that long looked for, much discussed and earnestly desired "disintegration."

The Pension Outlook.

There is a serious and not lightly to be dismissed movement in favor of State pensions for survivors of the civil war. An appeal is to be made to the Legislawelfare. Many of the sections ture of next year for an appropriation. and it is altogether likely to have the enthusiastic support of various associations which are always to be found at work when an increase in this expense seems possible.

In addition to this, strong interests are enlisted in behalf of a plan for a "volunteer army retired list," to contain H. Brown, the Republican candidate, ole enactment more symmetrical, the names of all surviving officers of the was too much for Casey. Mr. Brown ence has shown that changes of civil war army, with the rank and pay will now proceed to reorganize the police sort have often unwittingly effected of a Brigadier-General, retired. The force, of which he was a humble ornaes in the substantive meaning of navy and marine corps officers hope to ment, suppress graft, and enforce the statute and hence led to much embar- be rewarded in a similar fashion. Bills excise law; but whether he "makes good for these purposes have been introduced While it may be less objectionable to in the House of Representatives by Mr. fer some portions of the Charter MCKINLEY of Illinois and Mr. OLCOTT of New York.

Meanwhile Mr. MADDEN of Illinois has introduced a bill "to remove the charge of desertion on the rolls against officers and culisted men of the army, navy and marine corps." The passage of this bill would clear the records of all deserters who served ninety days, and entitle them or their widows to pensions The pension appropriation for 1907-0

was \$146,143,000. For 1908-09 it is \$163, 053,000. It is now reported that \$175, 000,000 will be needed for 1909-10. The Government has been more than

liberal. Its beneficiaries seem to believe there is no limit to which it will not go. Perhaps they are right.

The British Liberals.

Mr. LLOYD-GEORGE, Chancellor of the Exchequer, intimated the other day that a dissolution of Parliament and a new appeal to the constituencies might take place considerably earlier than most persons expected. If the Liberal members of the House of Commons should insist upon retaining their seats until near the end of the statutory term there would be a chance that something favorable to their prospects might turn up, whereas to precipitate a contest at the ordinary onlooker an act of folly.

The Liberals have been beaten in almost every by-election in the last two years, and if this fact is deemed inconclusive it will also be admitted that they have but a meagre record of legislative to disintegrate politically under his accomplishment. They have doubtless lost as many votes as they gained by passing a law relieving trade unions from liability for damages caused by the acts of individual members, even when these acts were performed in purir. Parr will dissipate the antagonism suance of orders; and it remains to be which the South has always hitherto seen how fervent will be the gratitude id the Republican Federal Govern- for the old age pension act, which without encouraging industry and thrift saking generally we gather that a bestows a scant weekly pittance on at many of these persons compla- those who have reached the age of y imagine a new dispensation under seventy years. The present Governtheoffices will be given to Southern ment has also yielded to the Irish Cathmorrats instead of to the "old guard" olics the boon of a national university Republican placemen. Thus the for Ireland. In this concession Mr corporations which have prevailed BALFOUR, the leader of the Unionist or so many years will perish of star- Opposition, heartily concurred. What ration, former Democrats will be con- else in the way of positive achievement ted by the grace of steady salary, can be set to the credit of the Asquith so the revolution must inevitably Cabinet? The licensing bill, on which . Indeed, if Mr. TAFT pro- so much time was expended, has been to exchange one set of office- thrown out by the House of Lords, and for another and thinks that will the latest education bill has had to be in the much desired transforma- withdrawn owing to the impossibility he could not do better than adopt of compromise between Nonconformists

ernment really thinks of facing the But we have inspected Mr. TAFT to electors again at an early date it must very little purpose if he approaches mean to do it with promises rather than the problem in any such fashion. He performances. Precisely what will be

must understand that Southerners of offered to the Laborites we do not know: the class he wants to conciliate and but we do know that Mr. AUGUSTINE reassure are not to be captured by so BIRRELL in his supplemental land purtransparent a device, and he must know chase bill bids the Irish Nationalists, that a distribution of place and per-quisite among a few who are anxious ish boroughs, look forward to a great We saw this quotation on one of the many quisite among a few who are anxious ish boroughs, look forward to a great for the preferment will affect exactly expansion of the land purchase money the beneficiaries of the arrangement act secured by Mr. WYNDHAM, an exand none others. It will banish one set pansion which will make it possible to of trenchermen and replace them with throw open to tillage all those grazing another set. The old alignments will sections which amount, it is alleged, to Weitenkampf had over five thousand remain. Nothing will be changed. We nearly a sixth of the arable soil of Ire- prints to draw upon from the Avery, may say in fact that there will be no land. The introduction and earnest improvement whatsoever. After all, support of this measure have rendered Mrs. M. G. Van Rensselaer collections, the old clique was well enough. In it practically certain that Nationalist and his accustomed tact in selection did their way the members were loval and voters in British boroughs will be orserviceable for all the purposes of their dered to support Liberal nominees at existence. They looked after the dele- the next general election. It is doubtless with the same eye to the exerthat Mr. LAOYD-GEORGE has announced the determination of the Government to introduce before dissolving a bill granting to women the parliamentary franchise on the same terms as those enjoyed by men. It is impossible to estimate the electioneering value of his personal quality made it the victor. Not-

In the next campaign the British Lib erals probably will be able to rely not place, after etching.

The label referred to above with its the blunders of their Unionist opponents. From the latest utterances of Mr. Bal-

if Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and his partisans had succeeded and as if the Unionist leaders had consented to make the fight on a protectionist programme. If they do they will again provoke the outcry against the taxation of bread, an outcry which it will be hard to meet in the great urban centres of population.

An Old New England Friend.

Our old but still hearty friend the Hon. ROBERT BAILY THOMAS of West Boylstory the "Old Farmers' Almanac." In this work, which contains infinite riches in a little room and should be hung on the wall for constant consultation, may be found pretty much everything one needs to know, from the state of the tides to sure cures for hoarseness, and from the number of the comets to the which he deals he is acclaimed a master and the cover pictures of the seasons, let alone the hallowed but still fresh representations of the Signs. Leo can be heard a mile, and we have known sensitive subjects to buy a raincoat after looking at Aquarius. In accordance with Mr. THOMAS'S

advice we have sharpened the farm fertilizer question, tidied up the premises, given the fowls shady, airy quarters, dug the potatoes in sunny, breezy weather, housed the heifers during the cold rains, been sure of our chimneys and banked up the building with sea eel dinary series devoted to the cause grass before the snow. Has the Country Life Commission done as much?

Old Mr. THOMAS attributes his longer ity to the fact that he has never eaten griddle cakes that were not mixed with cider half diluted with water.

Cassy was at the bat for the Demo crats in the Mayoralty campaign in Lowell, but the delivery of Patrolman George or not, Brown as the "cop" Mayor will become a public character, and be much in the limelight.

The Administration plan of taking three months to withdraw 5,000 American soldiers from Cuba may be in striking contrast with the landing and distribution of them when the Palma Government fell, but it is a plan to be commended By the time the last battalion leaves Cube President GOMEZ should be securely established in his office and have at his call sufficient native force to keep order.

Senator JOHNSTON of Alabama has introduced a bill providing for the reinstatement of the West Point hazers. He nakes this plea for it:

" There is not a Senator here who has not en lured more severe treatment than was adminis ered by the discharged cadets to their fellows s why we are here. We have hazing her in the Senate in a mild form. . not to make the conduct of cadets at the Academ se mild as to require the presence of their mothers there with them all the time."

to know whether he has been hazed or not, but we doubt whether he can induce Congress to agree with him that the restoration of the expelled cadets is of more consequence than the preservation of discipline at the Military Academy.

The Home and the Lodge

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If the joiner's wife who signs herself "A Sufferer" in The SUN of December 6 spent more time in making herself and home attractive instead of writing up, whereas to precipitate a contest at letters to newspapers perhaps her lodge joining the ballot box just now would seem to lord would be more anxious to remain in his

held membership in four societies. In the first year of our married life he went out to meeting or less early, but always presentable. After a remind him of it, he would fall to pay his due the one benefit organization he still clines t

children's sake.
Perchance "A Sufferer's" husband finds the odge rooms and village inns more pleasant places o linger in than under his own vine and fig tree. However, she has the sympathy of PORT JERVIS. December 7.

The Guardian of Truth. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Is it possile that Gilbert was prescient when he wrote The Mikado"

We know him well.

Intrue or groundless tales He always tries and every time he falls. " His terrible tale ou can't assail, With truth it quite agrees His taste éxact For faultless fa

Amounts to a discase. York December 9. The Supreme Snark of Song.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-NIT: Praise and thanks for the reentry into the columns of Tax SUN of true poetry! Anacreon Clifford Hawes, rara avis! (difted of Calliope and Brate! Dolichocephalous, scintillating one! With reveren tist humility we approach to bask in subdued ecstasy before this maestry, this genus: NEW YORK, December 9. PRILIP EVERFTI.

Ronest Labor. Knicker-What is Smith's office! cker-He has to hold down a seat in a city auto to give a city chauffeur something to do.

STONE, STEEL AND COPPER. It was not without warrant that the Pennells said "the stone was made for the mystic." The versatile etcher and labels written by Curator Frank Weitenkampf of the Lenox Library for the present historical exhibition of painterlithography. It is one of the most interesting ever held at the Lenox. Mr Joseph Pennell, Mrs. C. J. Lawrence and not fail him. From Senefelder, the inventor of the lithographic process, drawing on stone, down to the so-called Parisian decadent school of Willette, Toulouse-Lautrec and others there are cise of influence at the ballot box few gaps, and the examples are attractive in color and design as well as in subject. It is a temptation to moralize regarding the survival of lithography, a very humble relative of steel engraving, over its haughty and elaborate superior. Its comparative simplicity and more withstanding this simplicity the variety of effects attainable by the skilful artist has put painter-lithography in the second

happy suggestion about the mystics who find lithography an expressive medium refers to a single print by Odilon Redon, who in 1904 was honored by a special salle at the Paris autumn salon. This particular print by no means gives us more than a hint of Redon's genius. As an illustrator-rather, a pictorial interpreter -of the macabre poetry of Charles Baudelaire is Redon best known. Like Rodin he has read too deeply in "Les Fleurs du Mal," and his prepossession with themes fantastic, mystic and depraved is evident when you see much of his work. A strong decorative bent; a master of his means and a draughtsman of prime rank, Redon displays a vibrating sensibility ton, Mass., has been good enough to He is a visionary. He also loves the scasend us No. 117 of his invaluable reposi- brous, as does his Norwegian contemporary, Edvard Munch, a man whose lithographs-often colored-and tremely personal line could have been represented at this exhibition; but we suppose there are no specimens of his art in the Lenox collections. Of his importance, however, there can be no doubt; despite the horrors and morbidities in best way to stop a mouse hole. Full and to our taste is better revealed in his of uplift are the poetry, the anecdotes lithography than in his violent oils and shocking pastels. It is no uncommon thing to hear Munch's name bracketed with Ibsen's, though exactly why we cannot say. The dramatist, at least, was a stickler for the unities of his art, for form Munch simply whistles down the wind at conventional form, color, composition. What will be a novelty for many is the

lithographic art of Anquetin, a very tools, begun to take thought about the gifted painter; Besnard; Gandara, represented by a graceful female's head gracefully posed, attesting his refined if not too original manner: Guilloux with two striking landscapes in color; Ibels, whose leaning toward the anarchist agitation resulted in an extraor-Toulouse-Lautrec, the delineator of Mont martre life in all its realistic vulgarity these and others are worth study ing. Across the aisle is a portrait of Goethe by N. H. Jacobs, which is hard though graphic. Its handling is the antipodes of the new men's. Or, look at Wickenden's moonlit landscape with its erene atmosphere and air of easy maniplation. Then there is Fantin-Latour with his vaporous transcripts, which seem to anticipate Whistler. Gentle James is als in evidence, a beautiful bit, a female rible as the oil by Rops. Ingres. Isabey, the Vernets, Géricault, Huet, Decamps, Bargue and other masters are shown The Daumiers, Gavarnis, Charlets, Raffett are splendid examples. A head of Victor Hugo, young and clean shaven, is only a roial plate, but it was executed by Deveria. It is a pity for posterity that Hugo ever became bearded. He fancied with his toppling brow, that he resembled Zeus. The real Hugo was the romantic

youth with naked cheek. The American group, Hunt, J. F. Cole Mielatz (the etcher), Winslow Homer, Whistler, represented by a nocturn Joseph Pennell, with the Rouen Cathedral: John Sargent, a stunning bit; Bolton Jones, J. Alden Weir, H. W. Ranger, with an admirably composed "Scene on the Seine Bank," and a brilliant bullfight by Gova that rivets the eve, are all noteworthy The Karlsruhe Künstlerbund are here, as are Alma-Tadema, Van Graveende, Nanteuil, Bonheur, Bonington. Prout, Harding, Frank Brangwyn, Herkomer, Linnell (Jr.), Legres, Strang, Sickers As a new Senator Mr. JOHNSTON ought and Short, Achenbach (Andreas), Menzel, Pettenhofen and Kriehuber are among the Germans. The last is represented by his celebrated though by no means artistically remarkable portraits of Liszt, Carl Czerny, Erust, the lithographer himself and Berlioz. The Hungarian virtuoso is seated before his instrument and is evidently extemporizing, for his eyes are uplifted and his pose is histrionicindeed the classic model for the generations of ivory smashers that followed him. Whether consciously intended, Kriehuber has endowed Liszt's old teacher, the pedagogue Czerny (whose terror breedng fame at one time was a potent agent in lulling refractory infants to sleep) with cynical eyes. They seem to say: "Liszt. oh. Liszt! It's all very well for you to sound the abysses with your poetic fingers, but Donnerwetter! you are putting

your thumbs on the black keys. Books on the history and technique o lithography by Atherton Curtis and the Penpells may be seen. This exhibition will remain open for several months. Downstairs in the main hall there is a collection of 150 portraits of Milton, togethe with early editions of "Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained"-illustrations by John Martin and Gustav Doré-also

"L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso At the Wunderlich Galleries they are showing a collection of mezzotints printed in colors by S. Arlent-Edwards, whose technical skill in this difficult branch has made him so well known. Many historic schools are represented, the Italian Renaissance masters and eighteenth century English painters being the favorites. These colored mezzotints seem especially lesigned for Christmas gifts.

nonagenarian etcher Sir Seymour Haden, whose wife (the half-sister of Whistler) died last week, is nearly blind, and while his sturdy constitution has stool a very Gibraltar in its rocky defiance to the years and their ills, his inability to work at his beloved occupation and his great loneliness will prove more ineluctable foes than his age. What is probably the most complete exhibition of his etcher and mezzotinter may be now visited at the Keppel Galleries. 4 East Thirty-night street. The present writer recalls, how many years ago he dares As I breathe the ozone free not say, a lecture by Sir Seymour, then and swat the ball I'm deaf to the call the say a lecture by Sir Seymour, then

It was delivered in the old small music hall of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. We heard then of the beauties of Rembrandt from Haden-than whom no more assiduous student and admirer existed-of Méryon and the masters of etching, and from the mouth of one who had by what Rossetti called "fundanental brain work" mastered the difficult and fascinating art himself. To-day we say Haden or Whistler, or Rembrand and Haden; yet Sir Seymour Haden, while a wonderful etcher, could never be imagined as a painter of original distinction. This is not said invidiously; it would be manifestly unjust to criticise a man for what he has never attempted to do. Rather we wish to emphasize the fact that Haden is a born etcher, as some are born with a fiddle hand. He was not a Wunderkind. Quite the reverse. Quite mature he was when he began his first experiment with the copper, acid and wax. His vision is normal. His artistic pulse beat is healthy. He shows us beautiful landscapes and we are pleased-never emotionally stirred. Never a searcher after the recondite—as was his brother-in-law, the neurotic and poetic Whistler-Sir Seymour represents landscape in its best traditions. Personal as is his etching touch, you feel that his envisagement of a scene, while sane, is ever conventional. Nor need we be alarmed at this sadly abused phrase. The balance of scheme in "Shere Mill Pond" would find no favor with the new men, but its beauty is writ large. Or the "Erith Marshes" with sweep of lowland and silvery liquid expanse. The eve craves a solution to the crisscrossing of Nature's linear enigmas. In Haden's plates the eye is always satisfled But if he is conventional, that is, has followed in the sober tracks of classic landscape, he is never obvious. Among would be difficult to put your finger on one plate that is commonplace in design or execution. Nevertheless,

is supreme. In a lecture on Haden's art delivered some years ago Mr. Keppel senior told the story of an elderly English painter who said to him in denouncing the French school: "Even their very landscapes are lines of the corporation whose securities immoral." This touch of critical and are acquired, are so related to the Britannic prudery is delightful. Now, of the Haden landscapes you could never make such an insinuation. Sunny old service. England, its very heart of landscape is dear to the etcher. And Ireland-witness found in Section 6, which is short. that sunset. And the "Sonning Almshouse" or the "Breaking Up of the Old Agamemnon" or that "River in Ireland" or "Little Calais Pier," or the very Victorian "Towing Path"-surely Whistler saw that lady in quaint attire with the lit tle dog-or the sweet security of "Egham' and the "By-Road in Tipperary"-why prolong the list? "Windmill Hill" in three states is here; so is the mezzotint "Harlech Castle," a proof in bistre. als Pier" after Turner's famous waterscape in brown ink, is the clou of the collection. We admired "Mytton Hall" with its Old World mystery-Haden as well as Rembrandt taught Whistler the significance of doorways. In the "Erith Marshes" the plate has been worked over charmingly atmospheric. A stag shows dimly through the mist, a noble beast, This is a mezzotint. There is another mezzotint whose title has escaped us. It recalls in treatment a Constable landutation as a provider of optical banquets in the keys of black and white and brown. The exhibition holds to the second day of the new year.

ler and a few others, he is not of an auda-

cious, beaven straining or creative tem-

perament. He has the voice and he has

the vision, but neither voice nor vision

FOR THE COLORED CHILDREN A Christmas Appeal in Their Behalf From Booker T. Washington.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str: For number of years some of the readers of THE SUN have responded most generously to my appeal for Christmas cards and other remembrances to be scattered among the colored children of the South, especially on the plantations where without such gifts them of the Christmas season and what it

I wish that those who have given might have the privilege of seeing many of the letters that I receive from the teachers who distribute these gifts. letters are almost pathetic in their expres sions of gratitude and in describing the goo accomplished through these small gifts. shall be very glad if any of your readers care to entrust to me any Christmas presthis season, to distribute them as I have in BOOKER T. WASHINGTON TUSKEGEE, Ala., December 7.

Julia Ward Howe Upon the Extradition Treaty With Russia.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: glad to see that the facts brought out in the ouren extradition case have led to a fresh effort to do away with our present very unsatisfactory extradition treaty with Russia. When that treaty was made its ratification was strongly opposed by the Society of American Friends of Russian Freedom, including Phillips Brooks, Whittier, James Russell Lowell and many other distin-We felt even then that the treaty con-

tained many objectionable points and was open to serious abuse. If the true inwardess of autocratic rule in Russia had as well understood in America then as it is o-day such an extradition treaty could never have been concluded JULIA WARD HOWR

Boston, December 8.

A Cynophilist Missouri Town. From the Lamar Democrat.

Lamar has a distinction of her own still left. it has more pothounds and mongrel hunting dogs within her borders than any other place that ever rose or reigned and fell. The man in this old own who hasn't got at least three lop eared, slim ed, sad eyed, hungry visaged canines is of so ittle consequence that the blacks could afford to rowd him off the sidewalk, and to be respectable you must have not less than siz. If you could sell tog skins at a dollar apiece this old town could raise enough money to take over the Standard Oil Company without issuing bonds.

From the American Coller.

Oh, the links, the links, the health giving links,
The green swarded links for me!
Where friends may laugh at the shots you sciaff
With a devillah sort of giee.
Where you take your stance with a nonchalance, Where you take your stance with a none.
As the gailery gares on thee,
And then, in a trice, a boomerang slice
Provokes your most eloquent D——.

Oh, the links, the links, the divot strewn links!
Where bunkers and sand traps lie,
Where mashles are flubbed, and niblicks are

Vaere masnes are hubbed, and hiblicks are dubbed. And duffers swear and sigh. Vhere out of reach the brassles screech To fall in some cursed rut— lil know what you've said— you then lay it dead To miss a six inch put.

Oh, the links, the links, the calling links.
They becken and nod to me, They make me shirk my bread winning work, it they give me health, you see. So what care I for your gided dross?

As I breathe the ozone free Bill Different in Effect From One Pro-

posed by La Follette. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Legislation proposed by Senator Dolliver of Iowa in a bill offered in the Senate to-day amounts to a fixed valuation of railroads and other interstate corporations. It is different in effect from old and somewhat similar proposals of Senator La Follette in that it does not propose any disturbance of existing order. The principle is about the same, but where Senator La Follette would apply it backward Senator Dolliver would apply it from now on, and his bill is more liberal in that it does not exactly advance the idea of physical valuation but rather restrains corporations from extending their stock issues except within defined limits, and then only on within defined limits, and then only on the express approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The bill deals almost entirely with the subject of stock issues, forbidding the issue of any stock not fully paid for, but it also goes into the question of mergers and prohibits the consolidation of rival or parallel lines or any form of control by one of the other. No corporation subject to the provisions No corporation subject to the provisions is permitted to purchase or hold the stock

of a competitor.

Telegraph and telephone companies and all interstate carriers, as well as railroads, are included in the terms of the bill, which says in part:

No corporation shall issue any share of stock unless at least its par value has been paid into the treasury or unless issued in exchange for property or securities at not exceed their true and actual value No commission shall be paid any person

subscriptions unless expressly authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission as necessary to the public interest. Any company in business more than two years may sell additional shares at a discount, but notice of such sale must be made to the Interstate Commerce Commission,

and then shares may be issued only on the express approval of the Interstate Comthe 118 examples at this exhibition it merce Commission as necessary in the public interest. One restriction on stock or bond issues s that no stock issue or evidence of funder indebtedness shall be legal except for the acquisition or construction of property to be used in the operation of the business by his superb artistry as an etcher Sir Seymour may be ranked among such immortals as Mérvon, Rembrandt, Whist-

of the corporation. This is the lang This is the language of the bill governitrol of rival lines: No corporation shall acquire of hold any securities of any other corporation which operates a parallel or competing line, nor shall any such corporation hereafter acquire any of the securities of any other corporawith the lines of the purchasing corpora-

unit and to the improvement of the whole What is probably the crux of it all

the purchasing corporation as to permit operation of both lines as a substantial

No corporation subject to the provision of this act shall issue its securities in exchange for the property or securities of any other such corporation, or shall purchase the property or securities of any other such corporation at a rate or price in excess of the true and reasonable value

Any securities issued contrary to the provisions of the act are declared illegal.

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION. Bill to Meet the Contingency of the Death of a President-Elect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Senator Bacon of Georgia introduced a resolution to-day proposing an amendment to the Federal Constitution relating to the succession with water color. "An Early Riser" is to the Presidency. It is designed to meet such a contingency as the death of a President-elect in the interval fol-lowing his election and the date of inauguration and any other possible contin-gency. By the terms of the amendment the Vice-President-elect would on March figure reclining; an evocation rather than a performance. The harsh truth of Lunois's "Absinthe Drinkers" is not so horoccurring in the term. dency occurring in the term. posed amendment is as follows: The pro-

for by Article II., Clause 5 of the tion, where there is no person entitled Hampton Roads. The members of the to discharge the duties of the office of the President, the same shall devolve upon the Vice-President. The Congress by law provide for the case where there is no person entitled to hold the office of President or Vice-President, declaring what President or Vice-President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly until the disofficer shall act accordingly until the disability shall be removed or a President shall be elected.

Representative Burke of Pittsbure called the President's attention a few weeks ago to what looked like a break in the line of succession, and while Mr. such a contingency was already provided for, he agreed that it might be more se-curely guarded against by an amendment to the Constitution.

HALE MAJORITY LEADER. Succeeds the Late Senator Allison as

Chairman of the Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-The Republican Senators held a caucus this morning and unanimously elected Senator Eugene Hale of Maine as chairman of the caucus to succeed the late Senator W. B. Allison to the distillers and rectifiers of the counof Iowa. The office makes Mr. Hale leader of the majority in the Senate. The Committee on Committees was authorized to find committee assignment

for Senators A. B. Cummins of Iowa and Carroll Page of Vermont, who took the oath of office at the beginning of this No general reorganization of the Senate will be attempted until next December.

when the new Congress begins. Senator Hale will become acting chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Sena-tor Perkins of California is likely to act as chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Neminations of Secretaries Wright and Newberry Confirmed WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-Luke E. Wright

of Tennessee is now sure enough Secretary of War. Having been appointed the President during the recess of Congress his nomination did not come Congress his nomination did not come before the Senate until to-day. It was promptly confirmed, as was also the nomination of Truman Newberry of Michi-gan, who succeeded Victor H. Metcalf as Secretaty of the Navy on December 1. The Senate also confirmed the nomina tion of Hoffman Phillips of New York Minister resident and Consul-Ge eral at Abvesinia.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-These army orders were

Sued to day.

Capt. W. E. Cole. Coast Artillery, from Eightyeventh Company to unassigned list and report
o commanding officer Eastern Artillery, district to commanding officer Eastern Artillery, district of New York.
Capt. Harrison S. Kerrick, Coast Artillery, from Forty-third Company to unassigned list and report to commanding officer Artillery district of New London for assignment to duty at Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y. Major Daniel W. Ketcham, Coast Artillery, to Fort Wint, Grand Island, and command of that post and artillery district of Subig Bay.
The retirement of Col. George G. Greenough, Coast Artillery, is announced.

These navy orders were issued:
Capt. U. R. Harris, from commandant Cavite station to home and walt orders.
Capt. A. P. Nazro, from command of the Wsbash to commandant of Cavite station.
Commandant of Cavite station.
Commander W. R. Rush, from command of the Ranger to Washington, D. C.
Lieutenant-Commander G. G. Mitchell and Engins A. S. Wadsworth, Jr., J. H. Newton, Jr., C. W. Nimits and G. O. Carter, from the Ranger to home and wait orders.
Assistant Paymaster J. J. Luchsinger, Jr., from the Ranger to home, settle accounts and wait orders.

ruddy faced Dr. Haden the surgeon, VALUATION OF CORPORATIONS. GEN. WOOD MAY BE : NVOLVED. House May Scrutinize His Administration in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Gen. Leonard Wood, formerly in command of the Department of the Philippines, now in command of the Department of the East with headquarters at New York, may become involved in a Congress inquiry growing out of a controversy that has developed between Representative D. R Anthony of Kansas, a member of th House Committee on Military Affairs, and Col. Hugh L. Scott, superintendent of the West Point Military Academy

If Congress decides to make an investigation it will probably result in a searching scruting of Gen. Wood's administra. tion of military affairs in the Philipping Islands

The trouble between Representative Anthony and Co'. Scott go:s back two years and had its inception on the Island years and had its inception on the Island of Jo-o in the Philippine group Col. Ecott had a military command there at the time, and he acted also as Civil Governor of the island of Jolo Among the officers in his division was Capt. L. M. Koehler of the 4tj Cavalry, a brotherm-law of the Kalsas member.

The immediate providation for Mr. Anthony's present attack upon Col.

Anthony's present attack upon Col Scott is that President Rocsevelt contem plated jumping Col. Scott over officers superior in rank and advancing him to

the grade of Brigadier-General.

Mr Anthony declared in an interview to-day that Col Scott had no military to-day that Col Scott had no military record or service that justified his pro-motion to the higher grade.

"And when the time comes," said Mr. Anthony, "I will be in a position to prove my assertion."

It appears upon inquiry that Capt. Koehler became involved in difficulties with Col. Scott that resulted in Koehler's trial by a court-martial, which acquitted him of the charges preferred. Koehler in turn brought charges against Col. Scott, which resulted in an investigation by Major Brush, Inspector-General of the army. Major Brush recommended that a board of inquiry be created to investigate Col. Scott's administration at Jolo. Mr. Anthony alleges that the proceedings against Col. Scott were quashed by Gen. Wood.

NOMINATIONS TO THE SENATE. John D. McEwen to Be Assistant Appraiser-Army Promotions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate

Treasury Department-To be Assistant Appraiser of Merchandise, District of New York, John D. McEwen. War Department-To be Vice-Governor of the Philippine Islands, W. Cameron

Forbes of Massachusetts; to be members of the Philippine Commission, Newton W. Githert of Indiana and Rafael Palma of the Philippine Islands; to be member of the Philippine Commission and Secretary of Finance and Justice, Gregorio Arneta of the Philippine Islands. Cavairy-Lieutenant-Colonel

Colonel, Edward J. McClernand, First Cavalry: Major, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, William A. Shunk, Eighth Cavalry; Captain, to be Major, Francis G. Irwin, Second Cavalry: First Lieutenant, to be Captain.

Roger S. Fitch, First Cavalry.
Infantry-Major, to be LieutenantColonel, John C. F. Tillson, Fourth Infantry; Captain, to be Major, Amos B. Shattuck, unassigned: First Lieutenant, to be Captain. Allen Parker, Twenty-eighth Infantry. Coast Artillery - Lieutenaut-Colonel, to be Colonel, Adam Slaker; Major, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, George F. Barney; Captain,

to be Major, Thomas B. Lamoreux.

Retire List—Col. George G. Greenough, etired, with rank of Brigadier-General First Lieut, Francis A. Halliday, retired. with rank of Captain Navy - To be Chief of Bureau of Ordnance, rank of Rear Admiral, Newton E. Masoc.

RECEPTION OF THE FLEET.

The President Will Review It. but There Will He No Land Review of Sallers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Alvah H. Martin of Norfolk, chairman of the citizens' cominittee on arrangements for the reception to the Atlantic battleship fleet on its return, called on Secretary of the Navy Article XVI. In all cases not provided Newberry to-day to discuss the programme for the reception of the fleet in reception committee were agitated over the official announcement of the Navy Department yesterday that there would be no parade and land review of the blue-

will be unable to spend the time necessary for reviewing the sailors and will have to return to Washington immediately on completing the review of the desired completing the review of the fleet from the deck of the Mayflower. Instead of a land review Secretary Newberry promised that the sailors of the fleet will get shore leave in relays in Norfol*.

One squadron of the fleet will remain in Hampton Roads until after March 4. Twenty-five hundred sailors from this squadron will participate in the inaugural parade at Washington. The whole fleet will not visit New York because of the lack of necessary anchorages in New York harbor.

WHAT IS WHISKEY?

The President Promises to Appoint a Commission to Decide the Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-The question "What is whiskey?" has proved so puzzling try, notwithstanding the enlightening opinion recently pronounced by Attorney-General Bonaparte, that a large delegation of them called at the White House this morning to lay their difficulties be-fore the President. The delegation repre-sented the distillers and rectifiers of Ili-inois, where the whiskey business is larger than in any other State.

After they had set forth the difficulties which beset their business on account of the internal revenue and pure food regulations the President announced that he would appoint Secretary of Agri-culture Wilson, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Capers and F. L. Dunlap of the Department of Agriculture as a commis-sion to ha monize the internal revenue and pure food regulations.

WARSHIPS THAT NEED REPAIRS. Ten Vessels That Will Hequi e an Ex-

penditure of \$200,000 or More WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The Eccretary of the Navy transmitted to the Senate to-day, pursuant to a requirement of the last navy appropriation act, the list of war vessels that will require overhauling and repairs to the exten. of \$200,000 or more. The list is as follows

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Maine, \$520,000, in addition to the last
appropriation of \$200,000; Missouri, \$540,-000; Ohio, \$540,000; Wisconsin, \$350,000; Chattanooga, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines and Tacoma, \$210,000 each. Other vessels requiring repairs are the Concord and Yorktown, \$150,000 each; El Cano. \$35,000; Paragua, \$20,000; Quiros, \$30,500; Rodgers, \$42,000; Rainbow, \$140,000; Sup-ply, \$130,000; Yankee, \$195,000, and Lincoln, \$6,000; in all \$4,154,500.

State Senators Raines and McCarren in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-State Senator John Raines met State Senator Patrick H. McCarren on the floor of the House sust before the noon hour. The two leaders were surrounded by a group of members for some minutes during which a political fanning bee was in progress. Mr. Raines said he came to Washington to see the President in behalf of a friend, but he would reveal nothing more. He called on Speaker Cannon and also spent some time in conference with Remultican some time in conference with Republican members of the New York delegation.